

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 001 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to the field of hitches, and more particularly, to hitches for connecting trailers to automobiles and trucks. The applicant claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/246,614, filed November 8, 2000 and U.S. Application No. 09/983,273 filed on October 23, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,698,785.

Please replace paragraph 027 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 3 depicts an alternative embodiment of the invention that is designed to be mounted within a bed of a conventional pick-up truck. In this embodiment opposite piers 33 and 40 are provided that are fasten to the vehicle parts 39a and 39b. Piers 40 and 33 have tubular portions that receive upright members. In one embodiment upright members 35a and 35b support transverse fixed member 34 that receives floating member 36. The floating member 36 is attached to the fixed member using a plurality of resilient members in the same manner that is described above. Floating member 36 is attached to a hitch receiving member 37 that is adapted to receive a conventional ball hitch 92 that may be engaged to a coupler from a trailer. Also shown in Fig 3 is an alternative king-pin collar hitch 90 that is ~~mounted on hitch receiving member 89 that is in turn~~ mounted on floating member 48. Like the ball hitch assembly, fixed transverse member 49 is attached to floating member 48 and is supported by opposite upright members 46a and 46b. These upright members 46a and 46b are received in the tubular section of piers 33 and 40.